



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

8th October 2023

St Christopher's Catholic Church

233 Tower Street Panania NSW 2213

www.stchristopherpanania.org.au

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

Tuesday: 7pm,

Wednesday-Friday: 9:15am

Saturday: 9am

Exposition & Benediction

Tues: 6-7pm, **Thur:** 5-7pm **Sat:** after 9am Mass

Holy Hour

Friday: 6.15am-7.15 (except school holidays)

Reconciliation

Saturday: 9.30am & 4.45 pm

Baptisms

11am: 1st & 3rd Sundays

Weddings (by appointment)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

294 The River Road Revesby Heights NSW 2212

www.stpatrickrevesbyheights.org.au

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 9am

Tuesday- Friday: 8am,

Exposition & Benediction

7:30 am - 8am, 1st Friday of the month

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4.45 pm-5:15 pm

Baptisms

10:30am, 4th Sunday of the month

Weddings (by appointment)

Parish Priest

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Fr Vijay Kumar Boilla MSFS

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St Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

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Gospel Reflection

Good Wine requires Hard Work

In the Hebrew scripture, Israel is spoken of as the Vineyard of God. We can say that now the Church is the vineyard of God. God is the Landlord, we are the tenants. It is our job to faithfully tend it and make sure it bears good fruit. If we are unfaithful, then God will find other people to carry on his plan, other tenants to tend his vineyard.

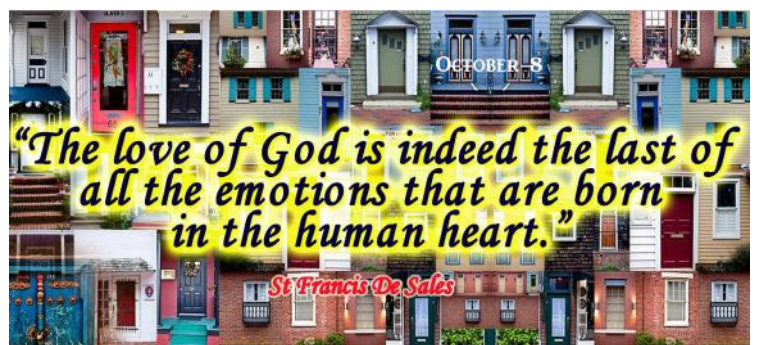
Certainly, we see that within the Universal Church. With the decline of the Eurocentric church, who has God turned to as new tenants for his vineyard? Look at the surging numbers of Catholics in sub-Saharan Africa, Nigeria, the Philippines, Korea. The persecuted Church in Vietnam and China is surviving and growing despite the severity of oppression.

I think we may agree that the vineyard of the Church in Australia is not as fruitful as it could be. This is a challenge for us. It is wonderful to see the energetic work of the new immigrants and refugees in our parishes (including the Bishop of Parramatta!).

We could pause for a moment to commit to taking up the privilege and duty to work in the vineyard of the Church.

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the Day



Entrance Antiphon

Cf Esther 4:17

your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

*The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.*

***Within your will,
O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things,
the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.***

1st Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.

My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.

He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it.

In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.

He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.

What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.

I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn.

I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant.

He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

*The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.*



Responsorial Psalm *Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7*

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

2nd Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Philippians*

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill

Gospel Acclamation

Cf John 15:15

***Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!***

Gospel

Mt 21:33-43

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and

*The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Communion Antiphon

Cf 1 Corinthians 10:17

***Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we
all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.***

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We wish to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet, the Durag people of the Eora nation, and pay respect to their traditions, customs and long and continuous culture and history. It is upon their ancestral lands that this Community of God is built.

Special blessing for all HSC students

There will be a **special blessing for all HSC students** at all Masses on the weekend of 7th/8th October. Please come along if you are doing the HSC this year and receive your blessing for the exams ahead of you.

Catholic Mission Appeal

On the weekend of 14th/15th October we will be holding a Catholic Mission Appeal to support the Salesian Sisters in their work in the Venilale Diocese of Timor-Leste as they bear witness to their community through programs like Maria Auxiliadora Clinic. Envelopes will be available in the parish foyer from this weekend and at the end of each pew on the weekend of the appeal.

Rosary - Our Lady of Fatima - St Christopher's Saturday 14th October @ 2pm

All over Australia, people will be praying a Rosary for our families and our country. Please join us in the foyer around the statue of Our Lady. All welcome.



PPC Meeting

St Patrick's: Tuesday 10th October @ 7.45pm in the meeting room

St Christopher's: Thursday 12th October @ 7pm in the Church meeting room.

St Patrick's Church Morning Tea

There will be morning tea after mass on Sunday 15th October. All welcome!

St Patrick's Parish Revesby Heights
cordially invites you to attend the Mass
and Celebration on the occasion of the

50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF ST. PATRICK'S
PARISH

SUNDAY
26 NOVEMBER 2023
9.00AM

CELEBRANT:
MOST REVEREND RICHARD UMBERS
AUXILIARY BISHOP OF SYDNEY

Please join us for Morning Tea in the College Hall, Ferndale Road
following the Mass at St Patrick's Church,
294 The River Road, Revesby Heights.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

For children in Year 6 or above who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Parent Preparation Evening:

Wednesday 11th October 2023 at 7.00pm in St Christopher's Church.

All parents wishing to have their child Confirmed must attend this evening. Important information regarding the programme will be provided at this meeting.

Enrolment: the online enrolment form will be available on Thursday 12th October and close Sunday 15th October.

Position Vacant – Ministry/Liturgy Coordinator St Christopher's Panania & St Patrick's Revesby Heights.

The parish Ministry/ Liturgy Coordinator supports Fr Salas, the parish priest, in meeting the pastoral care needs of the parish. If you are a people person and enjoy networking and meeting new people and would like to be involved in the pastoral life of the parish then please contact the parish office for a copy of the position description.

This position is part time for 12 hours per week and the salary is negotiable. This position will involve working on weekends.

Email: stcpanania@hotmail.com , Phone: 9774 3662



RIP - Brian Campbell

Sad to announce the passing of Brian Campbell who was our parishioner.

Our prayers and condolences are with the family.
The funeral is on Tuesday 10/10/2023 at 10:30am
Location: West Chapel, Woronora Memorial Park

Aid to the Church in Need invites all parishes, schools and families to take part in our annual "One million children praying the Rosary," on 18 October 2023. Last year 40,000 Australian children participated. Free resources can be found online. To learn more and to register use www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren.

SCAM WARNING

Dear Parishioners,

There have been reports of SMS message scams targeting individuals and parishes in the Archdiocese. These scams impersonate the members of our parish, including myself, asking for urgent help and often requesting gift card purchases for those in need. Rest assured that neither I nor any member of our parish staff would ever ask for such assistance through SMS or any other unsolicited means. If you receive suspicious messages, contact us directly via phone or in person.

Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS
Parish Priest

St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts
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 Chairperson: Anne Weeks
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Parish Finance Committee
 Chairperson: John Tesoriero
 Parish Safeguarding Officer: Jeanette Carroll

St. Patrick's Church

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 Secretary: Pat Nolan
Parish Finance Committee
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 Secretary: Pat Nolan
 Parish Safeguarding Officer: Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen

COMING EVENTS



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Shirley Scott, Brian Campbell, Mary Anne Borg, Damian Brunton, Janet Bahn.

Anniversaries:

Fred Anderson, Lawrence Tan, Doumit & Nayfe Tahhan, Egidio Carretta, Therese Mitry, Dominic Ky Tran, Ketty & Germaine Perrin, Giuseppe Iacono.

General Intention:

Catelinh Tran, Esther & Vijay Charles, Peter Long, Jose Quintal, Sue & Anthony, John Field & George Sultana, Dominic Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Holy Souls, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Baby Lexi, Gerry & David Shepherd, Owen & Marie McLoughlin, Micky Long, Igor Mileusnic, Joan Jones, Nenita Nool, Margaret Sullivan & Jenny Breen, Sarah & Asher McLoughlin, Sebastian & Pedro Priou, Pedro Roza, George Ormerod, Sryani Genge, Betty McDermott, Pat Coates, Ivette Charadia, Ursula O'Shea, Peter Yasbek, Glen San Juan, Manfred Adam, Anne Hanna, Lisa Field, Aria Zimmermann, Di Mason, Robert Charadia, Moussa Debs, Michael Hains, Helena Kokoszka, Eriw Burwicle, Bronwyn Pearson, Margaret Azzi, Miriam Priou, Maria Koh, John Esther, Rosanne Sukkar, Bill Papadopoulos, McLoughlin, Gillfeathers families, Geordan Smith, Margaret O'Donnell, Kathleen Mulligan, Alma Tahan, Martin Hannagan, Jim O'Neill, Anne Coome, Mary Israel, Stephen Sinclair, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2023

7th/8th Oct	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Michael Mallia Sue Bracken	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	Mary Chan Pauline O'Shea	Volunteers Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Anne Maree Darcy Josephine Jones Ellen Russell
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Jeanette Carroll Barbara Tesoriero	Ann-Maree Darcy Ellen Russell	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Volunteer Stephanie Siaoisi	
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Aldrae Cruz	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver	<i>Counters:</i> John Tesoriero Joanne Carney
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	
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<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Volunteer David Raish	Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato	Magdalene Vetter Margaret Yasbek	Volunteer Nazira Hanna	
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	Jonathan Tran	Andrew Mills	Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero	<i>Counters:</i> Philip Weeks John Tesoriero
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023

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	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Jason	Kevin	Ray
<i>Readers:</i>	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Tess Hughes Garry Solway	Marie Carr Roza Bulic	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Elena Salgueira Steve Iacono	May Coorey Cathy Moussa	Elena Salgueira Alison	May Coorey Cathy Moussa
<i>Counters:</i>		Dorothy Gonsales, Seamus McKenna		Maureen Sherry Brian Quinn



Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.